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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY WELFARE SECRETARIAT

[G.O. Ms. No. 15/2011-Wel.(SW-V), dated 6th January 2011]

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry is pleased to notify the scheme for one time award of cash and citation in the name "Mother Theresa Centenary Award for Social Service in Puducherry, 2010" as appended to this order.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

K. CALIAPEROUMAL,

Under Secretary to Government (Social Welfare).

MOTHER THERESA CENTENARY AWARD FOR SOCIAL SERVICE IN PUDUCHERRY, 2010

- 1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (a) This scheme shall be called "Mother Theresa Centenary Award for Social Service in Puducherry 2010".
 - (b) It shall extend to the whole of Union territory of Puducherry.
- (c) It shall come into force on and from the date of its publication in the official gazette.
- 2. Object.— St. Mother Theresa, Bharat Ratna served the poorest of the poor and became a symbol of hope to many the aged-destitute, the diseased, the terminally ill, lepers, HIV patients and those abandoned by their families. She was awarded the Noble Peace Prize for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress which also constitutes a threat to peace. On the occasion of the Birth Centenary celebration of St. Mother Theresa, Government of Puducherry has decided to institute one time award to recognise the Non-Government Organisation which had served the "poorest of the poor" in the Union territory of Puducherry. Accordingly this award namely, "Mother Theresa Centenary Award for Social Service in Puducherry 2010" has been instituted.
- 3. Scope.— This scheme will be applicable only to registered societies/trust run by the Non-Government Organisations who have contributed substantially across the four regions of Union territory of Puducherry in serving the "poorest of the poor" namely the ageddestitute, the diseased, the terminally ill, lepers, HIV patients, etc., over a long period of time. Preference will be given to NGO's which have been working without grants from Government (UT Administration).
- 4. *Definition.* In the scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) 'Award' means the "Mother Theresa Centenary Award for Social Service in Puducherry 2010".
 - (b) 'Awardee' means an Non-Government Organisation who have done outstanding service to the aged-destitute, the diseased, the terminally ill, lepers, HIV patients and those abandoned by their families.
 - (c) 'Government' means the Government of the Union territory of Puducherry.
 - (d) 'Secretary' means the Secretary to Government of Puducherry dealing with various subjects.

- 5. Quantum of award.—The quantum of award shall be ₹ 1,00,000 in cash besides the citation. The necessary fund provision shall be made by the Social Welfare Department in its budget for 2010-11 under an appropriated Head of Account.
- 6. *Eligibility*.— (a) The 'Awardee' shall be an Non-Government Organisation functioning in the Union territory of Puducherry and should have contributed notably for the care, service and upliftment in the life of the orphans, aged persons, dying destitute and the terminally ill.
- (b) The Non-Government Organisation should be registered under the Societies Registration Act or a registered Trust functioning within the Union territory of Puducherry serving for a minimum period of three years. The accounts of the NGO should have been audited annually with correct maintenance of accounts.
- (c) In case of organisations taking care of women and children, should have obtained the required statutory licence from the Department of Social Welfare.
- 7. Methodology of selection.— (a) The Awardee shall be selected by the Selection Committee constituted for this purpose with official members nominated by the Government
- (b) The Selection Committee shall comprise of equal number of official and non-official members excluding Chairman (Hon'ble Chief Minister) and Vice Chairpersons (Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Hon'ble Minister for Art and Culture) as follows:—
 - 1. Hon'ble Chief Minister . . Chairman
 - 2. Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare . . Vice-Chairperson
 - 3. Hon'ble Minister for Art and Culture . . . Vice-Chairperson *Non-official members* :
 - 4. Thiru A.Gandhiraj, Ex-Minister
 - 5. Rev. Fr. M. Swaminathan, Secretary, Archdiocesan Education Board.
 - 6. Thiru Sherfudeen, President, Inter Religious Fraternal Life Community (IRFLC).
 - 7. Thiru Govindasamy, Proprietor, Anandha Inn.

Official members:

- 8. Chief Secretary
- 9. Development Commissioner/ Secretary (Finance)
- 10. Secretary (Information and Publicity)
- 11. Secretary (Social Welfare)
- . . Member-Secretary
- 8. *Mode of disbursement*.— The award will be in the form of cash and citation and will be given on the Republic Day Celebrations, 2011.
- 9. Interpretation and clarification.— In the implementation of the scheme, if any doubt arises in regard to interpretation of any of the provisions of the scheme or if any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Government and the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.

G. Theva Neethi Dhas,

Special Secretary to Government (Social Welfare).

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